

December 21, 1966

Dr. A. Zaffaroni
Syntex Research
Stanford Industrial Park
Palo Alto, California

Dear Dr. Zaffaroni:

An unfortunate backwash of the budget crisis in Washington has been the refusal by NIH to continue our Census project (tabulation of child spacing intervals) beyond the end of this year. The sudden cutback of these funds probably reflects the confusion between an important service task and more usual laboratory research projects, for which there is intense competition for funds at NIH. Our opposite numbers at the Census Bureau are equally disturbed about this. We face the problem of a tide-over for a few months on a minimal basis while we look for other sources of support to keep the project going. For this reason I am asking whether Syntex Laboratories could undertake an interim research grant for a period of six months from January 1 in a total amount not to exceed \$17,000. This would enable us to continue the project towards an orderly and graceful conclusion while we seek other necessary support.

Since some \$300,000 has already been invested in this project, mainly from NIH during the past three years, it seems a shame to have to face this abrupt cut-off, but this is a not surprising result of the kind of administration we are getting from Washington these days.

I am enclosing a copy of the application as it was submitted to NIH, which should fill you in on all of the details. I am also attaching the revised emergency budget for the six month period indicated.

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

Budget requested from Syntex Research for Genetics Department, Stanford University, for Census project support.

January 1, 1967 - June 30, 1967

2 Programmers (6 mos. at \$4,500 ea.)	\$9,000	
Staff benefits @ 10.5%	<u>945</u>	
Total personnel		\$9,945
Rental of office space @ \$100/mo.		600
Publications, reproduction costs		500
Reimbursement to other data sources		2,555
Computer time		<u>3,400</u>
Total amount requested		<u>\$17,000</u>